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MacIntosh gets 4 years in jail

But judge gives ex-businessman credit for 2 years time served in sex crimes case

A Nova Scotia judge sentenced a former businessman yesterday to four years in prison for sex offences against boys dating back to the 1970s, saying it was crucial to send a message that society abhors the abuse of helpless children.

Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh, 67, was convicted this summer after he was extradited from India in 2007 to face accusations that he abused boys who looked up to him as a family friend.

Almost 15 years after the allegations surfaced, MacIntosh was found guilty in July on 13 of 26 charges of gross indecency and indecent assault involving two boys.

In handing down the sentence Tuesday, Justice Simon MacDonald of the province's Supreme Court said it was important to send a message that abuse of children is not tolerated.

An appeal of MacIntosh's conviction will be heard March 22.

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Windsor. Good gourd!



▶ Randy MacPherson, lead hand at the Dill Farm in Windsor, uses a tractor to move a 592-pound pumpkin yesterday. The farm was getting its giant pumpkins ready for the annual Pumpkin Regatta on Oct. 10.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Sure sign of fall as farm readies for Pumpkin Regatta

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ER's get a shot in arm

Province invests $2 million into emergency care ◐ Eight ER beds added to Halifax hospital ◐ Health minister says waiting not necessary

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX



▶ Hospital workers push a patient down the hallway in the intermediate care unit at the Halifax Infirmary yesterday.

Eight new general medicine beds were opened at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre yesterday.

The addition is part of the province's initiative to reduce traffic and overcrowding that emergency room visitors face.

Provincial Health Minister Maureen MacDonald announced that the new additions would not only work towards a less-crowded emergency room, but would also "ease pressure on hospitals across the province."

A Rapid Assessment Unit was created to ease admissions and combat congestion issues in emergency care.

The unit is used for patients who may not require emergency attention and for those requiring specialist consultations.

Also, an integrated Intermediate Care Unit was opened in the spring.

"All three investments together will improve the system. And the best part is the desired result, better health care for NS and their families," MacDonald told reporters.

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'Reckless'

▶ Progressive Conservative Health critic Chris d'Entremont called yesterday's announcement "reckless." He said Health Minister Maureen MacDonald should have waited for John Ross's report on emergency care in Nova Scotia. "Instead of waiting a few more weeks, she is jumping the gun and compromising his final report," stated d'Entremont in the release.

Man sought in store robbery

A man robbed a Needs store with a stick on Monday night. The man walked into the Herring Cove Road store and threatened the clerk with a stick. The suspect took off with cash and cigarettes. He is described as a white male, six feet tall with a slim build, short blond hair and a scruffy beard.

JENNIFER TAPLIN

Ceiling escape goes nowhere

There was no way but up for a Newfoundland prisoner who tried to escape by hiding in a courthouse ceiling. Richard Bennett faces several additional charges after he got out of a holding cell in St. John's on Monday and climbed into the ceiling. Sheriff's officers used a dog to track Bennett and had him back in custody within minutes of his escape. He is charged with escaping lawful custody, resisting arrest, assaulting a peace officer, causing a disturbance, mischief and breach of a court order. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fort repairs coming

The tender for repairs to three Point Pleasant Park forts is set to close this week. The three forts — Cambridge Battery, Fort Ogilive and the Northwest Arm Battery — are all in need of stabilization, according to municipal staff. ALEX BOUTILIER

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Crime dropping, says study

In 2009, Halifax had some of the lowest victimization rates of 11 areas surveyed

There was a sizable drop in crime last year and the proof is in the numbers.

The 2009 Criminal Victimization in Canada survey was released yesterday revealing that victimization rates in Halifax have decreased.

Since the last survey the Halifax Regional Police have increased their complement with support from the Halifax Regional Municipality council and the Department of Justice. Const. Brian Palmeter sees a link between the survey results and the police's crime reduction strategy. "We certainly acknowledge that we have seen and will see spikes in crime. They will come and go, that's an unfortunate part, but what this survey shows is that our strategy is working," he said.

The Halifax Regional Police say their reported crime stats mirror those of the survey. Crime in the Halifax Regional Municipality saw a drop from 2005 to 2008 before levelling off last year.

"We still have work to do, there's always room for improvement but we're happy about where we stand in the 2009 survey," said Palmeter.

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Decline

Victimization on the whole has decreased in Halifax's Census Metropolitan Area (CMA). Most notably, violent victimization has dropped by 53 per cent. Household victimization is down 19 per cent while theft of personal property has dropped by eight per cent. The survey includes areas policed by both Halifax Regional Police and the Halifax District RCMP.

Transit. Bomb threat



▶ Halifax Regional Police officers board a Metro Transit bus after a bomb threat yesterday.

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Police respond to bomb threat on bus

Police responded to a complaint of a bomb threat late yesterday afternoon. Officers were told that a male passenger told a woman he was going to place a bomb on the bus. The woman alerted the driver, who called police. After the bus and surrounding area were evacuated, police found a small transistor radio underneath a seat. The man was taken into custody and police are continuing to investigate.

BMO gets rights for Bedford arena

The Bank of Montreal has secured naming rights for the new four-pad arena in Bedford. Halifax Regional Council voted unanimously to name the arena after BMO after a closed-door session lasting more than an hour yesterday. But council is not releasing how much money BMO paid.

ALEX BOUTILIER

Prostitution laws add to sex worker risk: Court

Ontario Superior Court ruled yesterday that Canada's prostitution laws are adding to the risks facing sex-trade workers.

Dominatrix Terri-Jean Bedford and two other sex workers brought forth the challenge in court. "This wouldn't have happened if it wasn't directed and led by sex workers," said Rene Ross, executive director of Halifax's Stepping Stone.

Ross sees the ruling as a huge step in the right direction. "This sets a wonderful precedent and helps to prove what we've been saying all along, that the laws under the Criminal Code endanger the health and safety of sex workers," said Ross.

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"These laws, individually and together, force prostitutes to choose between their liberty interest and their right to security of the person as protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms."
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Fishing town to dissolve

ECONOMY. Canso council voted unanimously Monday to ask the province's utility and review board to begin the process of dissolving the town.

Deputy Mayor Paul Horne says they can't wait for an economic recovery that isn't coming.

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Games tix on sale next week

Tickets for this winter's big event are going on sale next week.

Starting Thursday, Oct. 7, passes for the Halifax 2011 Canada Winter Games will be for sale online, by phone or at any Ticket Atlantic box office.

Sports fans can choose from eight different packages, or can hold out until Nov. 3 for individual event tickets.

Discounts are offered to non-profit and school groups, as well as seniors and students of high school age or younger.

Cheer on team Nova Scotia for free at any of the events taking place at the Canada Games Oval on the Halifax Common, Ski Martock and Ski Wentworth.

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Mayor coy on $57M share of centre's cost

Revealed trade centre price tag is 'within the ballpark,' Kelly says



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While Mayor Peter Kelly is waiting for the official numbers to be released by the province, he admitted the trade centre price tag revealed this week is "within the ballpark" of previous estimates.

"We don't know how accurate that number is or is not, we don't know what other options may or may not be there," he said.

"The fact is that (the number) is an individual's opinion that they've brought forward.

"We don't know if that number is accurate or not, and I'm not going to speculate whether it's accurate or not."

That individual, of course, is MLA Howard Epstein.

Epstein, along with the rest of the NDP caucus, was confidentially briefed on the trade centre by the minister responsible for reviewing the bid, Bill Estabrooks.

Epstein told a reporter the municipality and the province are being asked to spend $57 million each toward the proposed new trade centre.

'Lots of options'

Kelly would not speak to the $57-million figure reportedly being asked of the municipality, but he remained optimistic the trade centre project could still go forward.

- "Through the increased property tax offsets, (the proposed trade centre) would generate between $8 million to $12 million," he said. "There's capacity there for the discussion of council."
- When asked about a best-case scenario of making up some $45 million, he said there are "lots of options" for funding the project, should council decide to do so.

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Quinpool lounge debate to be opened to public

The question of whether Quinpool Road establishments should be allowed to operate lounges is going to public hearings.

Yesterday, Halifax Regional Council voted in favour of a motion of Peninsula Community Council to open the issue up to the public.

North End Coun. Jerry Blumenthal said he expects the hearing to be held in the next couple of weeks.

He said he doesn't expect too much debate about the issue, due to both public information sessions and because he feels the planning amendments are a "fairly reasonable compromise."

He said he has heard few concerns from constituents on the matter up to now.

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Lounges on Quinpool?

- If approved by council, each restaurant would be required to apply to operate a lounge on an individual basis.
- The lounge section of the establishment would be required to be no more than 50 per cent of the overall seating.
- In addition, lounges would have to close at midnight.

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Man gets 5 years in drug case

RCMP say a New Brunswick man has been given five years behind bars for conspiracy to traffic in cocaine.

The Mounties say Ralph LeBlanc of Lutes Mountain was sentenced in Moncton provincial court Monday.

The 47-year-old man was also prohibited from possessing firearms and explosives for life following his release, and ordered to submit a DNA sample, police say.

The charges stemmed from a lengthy investigation into organized drug trafficking in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Quebec that concluded in 2006.

RCMP say five other New Brunswick men who were charged have been sentenced to terms ranging from two and a half to five years.

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Group: Tories not what N.B. wants

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▶ New Brunswick Conservative Leader and premier-designate David Alward walks out of a news conference yesterday. An organization advocating electoral reform says the Tories' landslide victory in Monday's provincial election was based on skewed results.

Tories won only 49% of popular vote but 76% of seats in legislature

A national organization advocating electoral reform across Canada says the results of the New Brunswick election are badly skewed and don't reflect voter wishes.

The Conservatives overwhelmingly won Monday's election, taking 42 of the province's 55 seats.

The Liberals won the rest.

Fair Vote Canada says the seat breakdown is not reflective of the popular vote.

Larry Gordon, executive director of Fair Vote Canada, said if New Brunswick had used a mixed-member proportional voting system, the seat allocation would have been a better representation of voter support.

In 2006, then-premier Bernard Lord promised a referendum on just such a system but he was defeated before it could be held.

His Tories took more of the popular vote in that election but the Liberals ended up forming government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

Here's how the popular vote broke down in the New Brunswick provincial election.

- **The Tories** won 49 per cent of the popular vote.
- **The Liberals** won 34 per cent.
- **Other.** Seventeen per cent of New Brunswick voters supported other parties.

Igor cleanup still on in N.L.

Hurricane relief and rebuilding efforts continued yesterday in eastern Newfoundland as the military prepares to install a temporary bridge in hard-hit Trouty.

A wooden foot bridge made from telephone poles is all that connects the tiny village since hurricane Igor swept its bridge and main road out a week ago.

Other towns dotting the Bonavista and Burin Peninsulas were also heavily damaged.

Roads are being repaired but progress is slower in some places.

The town of Bonavista remains under a state of emergency.

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Mount gets gassed up

Mount St. Vincent University is a little greener today.

The university announced yesterday that it is making the switch to natural gas. The change is a part of the university's plan for a sustainable campus. Mount St. Vincent interim president Alexa McDonough joined Nova Scotia Energy Minister Bill Estabrooks at a press conference yesterday.

"It's projects like this that allow us all to work towards a cleaner, greener province," said McDonough, who told reporters she was proud to be involved with such initiatives.

The province's Gas Market Development Fund contributed $367,000 towards the project, which cost almost $500,000. The fund was established with support from the Sable Offshore Energy Producers to help build Nova Scotia's gas market.

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One 'small step'

Following the slogan "small steps, big impact," the Mount is making an effort to reduce the university's footprint.

- The switch to gas is one of 40 projects that is part of Mount St. Vincent's initiative.
- Other projects include replacing windows and light fixtures, and updating computer labs with newer, energy-efficient models.

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Man opens fire in University of Texas library

Suspect fatally shoots self, no other fatalities reported ◗ Police looking for possible accomplice

A man wearing dark clothes and a ski mask opened fire with an assault rifle yesterday inside a University of Texas library, then fatally shot himself. Police were hunting for a possible second suspect.

The 50,000-student campus — the site of one of the country's deadliest shooting rampages four decades ago — was on lockdown while officers with bomb-sniffing dogs carried out a building-by-building manhunt.

Campus police spokeswoman Rhonda Weldon said a man fired an automatic weapon on the sixth floor of the Perry-Castaneda Library then shot himself dead. Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said the gunman fired an AK-47.

Acevedo told a news conference that police are investigating what he described as a second crime scene outside the library where shots also were fired.

TAMIR KALIFA/AP PHOTO/THE DAILY TEXAN



▶ Students react after yesterday's shooting.

Randall Wilhite, an adjunct law professor at the university, said he was driving to class when he saw "students start scrambling behind wastebaskets, trees and monuments," and then a young man carrying an assault rifle sprinting along the street.

"He was running right in front of me ... and he shot what I thought were three more shots ... not at me. In my direction, but not at me, clearly not at me," Wilhite said.

The professor said the gunman had the opportunity to shoot several students and Wilhite, but he did not.

Police were patrolling nearby buildings with bomb-sniffing dogs to hunt for the possible second suspect and make sure no explosives had been left behind.

"What we're doing right now is being methodical to eliminate the second suspect," Acevedo said.

No shots were fired by law enforcement, Acevedo said.

The university cancelled classes for the day.

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Scores killed in Mexico landslide

A hillside collapsed on hundreds of sleeping residents yesterday in a rural Mexican community, drenched for days by a hurricane and a tropical storm, killing at least seven and leaving at least 100 missing, disaster officials said.

The death toll could rise much higher in Santa Maria Tlahuitoltepec, a town about 220 kilometres southeast of Mexico City. A state official said 100 people were confirmed missing, but Oaxaca Gov. Ulises Ruiz told the Televisa television network 500 to 1,000 people could be buried. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We have been using a backhoe but there is a lot of mud. We can't even see the homes, we can't hear shouts."
DONATO VARGAS, OFFICIAL

Gloves. Come on



▶ Canadian bobsled Olympian Chris le Bihan holds up the new version of the Olympic red mittens in Calgary.

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Economy likely contracted in July: Analysts

Canada has created 430,000 jobs since last July
U.S. remains 7 million jobs shy of its pre-slump level

Canada's economy is braking so rapidly that it likely contracted in July for the first time in almost a year, according to a consensus of economic forecasters.

The news may come as a surprise to many Canadians, who are constantly reminded by the government that their economy is among the strongest in the industrialized world.

But analysts note that Canada's strong rebound occurred mostly at the end of 2009 and the early part of 2010. Since April, the economy has largely been treading water.

Now the consensus of economists is that Statistics Canada will report Thursday that output pulled back 0.1 per cent in July, the first contraction since August 2009.

That doesn't mean Canada is falling back into recession, they caution.

By definition, it takes two full quarters of negative growth to constitute a recession, and analysts expect July to be a one-month blip caused by poor exports and the introduction of the harmonized sales tax in Ontario and British Columbia.

What it does mean is that growth going forward is likely to be very incremental as U.S. economic woes continue to weigh on Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Media. Growth



▶ John Cassaday, president and CEO of Corus Entertainment, at the opening of Corus Quay, the company's new broadcast headquarters in Toronto.

ADRIEN VECZAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Corus to court women viewers

Corus Quay, on Toronto's waterfront, brings together 24 television services, three radio stations and 1,100 employees. The company's 50 radio stations include CKNW in Vancouver, CKOI in Montreal and Q107 and 102.1 the Edge in Toronto.

RIM takes aim at Apple iPad

Research In Motion may have inched ahead in the race to build the best tablet, but with the frenetic pace of innovation in the sector, the Canadian company may not hold the lead for long. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PlayBook

BlackBerry's PlayBook won't be released in U.S. until early 2011 — and a slew of competitors are set to release new tablets in the months ahead.

- **Size matters.** RIM's PlayBook is smaller than Apple's tablet, with an 18-centimetre screen.
- **New features.** It also offers the ability to multitask with several applications and load websites that use Adobe Flash.
- **Price.** The all-important price tag was not revealed.

World split on stimulus spending

Over half of the people in the some of the world's biggest economies are opposed to their governments spending money in stimulus programs, according to a BBC World Service poll published yesterday.

The broadcaster said in its poll of 22,000 people in 22 countries, the strongest opposition for increased government spending to boost the economy was in countries that have already seen stimulus programs, such as Germany, France and the United States.

In France 63 per cent were opposed, and in the U.S. 58 per cent rejected the idea. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The committee will meet on a regular basis for a number of months. Committee members will be selected to represent a broad spectrum of community interests.

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KATY'S CLEAVAGE CAUSES KERFUFFLE

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



Katy Perry, the extravagantly endowed pop tart who became a star with the hit I Kissed A Girl, and more recently, California Gurls, is not a hit with the parents of the tykes who watch Sesame Street.

Her, um, duet with Elmo (he's the little red guy who likes to get tickled) was yanked from the program after numerous parental complaints about her outfit — or lack of it.

Like many hot celebs before her, Katy agreed to go on the iconic kiddies show and frolic with the Muppets. In her skit with Elmo they are supposed to play dress-up, but Elmo, shy guy that he is, gets all flustered and runs away.

You can't tell he's blushing because he's all red all the time, but as Miss Katy's unfit outfit emphasizes her endowments, Elmo likely can't take it all in.

"You can see her t--!" complained parental America. And the people who run Sesame Street listened so now you have to go to YouTube with several million other grownup kids to watch it. After all, Miss Katy's t-- are hardly appropriate viewing for children ages one to six.

Meanwhile, what were they thinking (or thinking with)? Rumour has it the producer responsible for the lapse will be replaced by Oscar the Grouch, not so easily dazzled by décolletage.

"... but Elmo, shy guy that he is, gets all flustered and runs away."

And then you have to think about the impact on the other Muppets. Puppets are people, too.

Consider the Count, who loves to count, but when Miss Katy is around he can never get past "two."

Or Big Bird, who is always eight years old, grows up in a hurry. Size matters.

Or Kermit, who is green with envy, and would not run away like Elmo. "I like to dress up!" he croaks.

If you think the above is bad, you should have seen the Saturday Night Live segment over the weekend, guest starring, guess who? Katy Perry. Brought to you by the numbers "38" and the letters "Double D."

I know, I know. I should be getting all censorious and fulminate about the rampant sexualization of small children — and it's true, the loss of innocence comes soon enough without it being forced on kids before they are emotionally ready to handle it.

But Katy Perry has been such a good sport about the whole thing — and why wouldn't she be? The Muppet kerfuffle made her a top search on Google and Yahoo and after Saturday Night Live, she is booked on the Simpsons. Fifteen minutes, baby!

And if all else fails, she is welcome in Mr. Sullivan's neighbourhood any time.

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Metro Minute at Winemaker's Dinner

Wine, classical music … and all for a good cause at $180 a plate.

The Winemaker's Dinner is scheduled for the Cunard Centre tomorrow night. It's a four-course feast with wines from this year's featured country: The U.S. The full orchestra from Symphony Nova Scotia will perform. Proceeds from an online and on-site auction will be donated to the symphony. More than 6,000 people are expected to attend and will sample 300 different wines.

In the last five years, this annual dinner has raised more than $200,000 for causes within the province.

Tickets for a table of eight are $1,440.

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▶ The Winemaker's Dinner will be held at the Cunard Centre tomorrow night.

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Juno Awards



The Juno Awards are adding a new category to recognize the best electronic album of the year. It'll bring the total number of categories to 40 as the Canadian music award celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2011.

To qualify for the best electronic album of the year, a full-length recording must be "composed with electronic equipment as the essential song-writing tools and defined by their electronic elements."

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Supreme Court to consider appeal from Anna Nicole Smith estate in bid to collect $300M

Street Dancing jumps off screen

British actress Nichola Burley stars in upbeat 3-D flick ◗ Shooting in 3-D 'mostly the same as shooting a regular movie' ◗ Burley's background in dance a plus for the role

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▶ A scene from the upcoming film StreetDance 3-D.

Living in 3-D

"It was mostly the same as shooting a regular movie except that we might do things like throw a hat at the camera or do your moves towards the camera, which initially feels strange because you're normally supposed to ignore the camera. There were monitors with glasses so we could look at what we shot in 3-D while we were shooting, which was amazing. But they intentionally tried to not let the actors see too much of that because they didn't want us to be excited or distracted by the 3-D, but focus on making the film as a whole." ● PHIL BROWN

PHIL BROWN
FOR METRO CANADA

Nichola Burley is best known for her appearances in British horror movies and thrillers like Donkey Punch and Kicks, but on Friday audiences will be treated to a much lighter side of the actress in StreetDance 3-D (no points for guessing what it's about).

For Burley it was an opportunity to finally play a role that was close to herself.

"There are a lot of gritty films in England and many of the scripts I read are quite twisted and dark," Burley told Metro. "I've always wanted to do something positive and uplifting because that's the kind of person I am naturally. I knew it would be so much fun to do something like this."

The film is miles away from the bloody work she's done recently, but not outside of her realm of experience. Burley actually danced for years before falling into acting.

"I've always wanted to do something positive and uplifting because that's the kind of person I am naturally."
NICHOLA BURLEY

"I studied dance until I was 18 and then went to the Northern School of Contemporary Dance," Burley said. "I never wanted to act, I always wanted to dance, but a casting director came to the school to do general auditions for film and I got into it that way. I thought it was just a one off opportunity and went back to school after. But I got lucky and actually hadn't even danced in five years before making this movie."

The experience in dance and film acting obviously made Burley a prime candidate for the film, but she admitted to being unfamiliar with the street-dance style before shooting. A bit of a problem since she plays a character who trains a troupe of ballerinas in street dancing.

"It was very challenging. I knew absolutely nothing about it before we started and had to learn everything in six weeks," admitted the actress. "I probably looked more like one of the struggling ballet dancers in the film to be honest."



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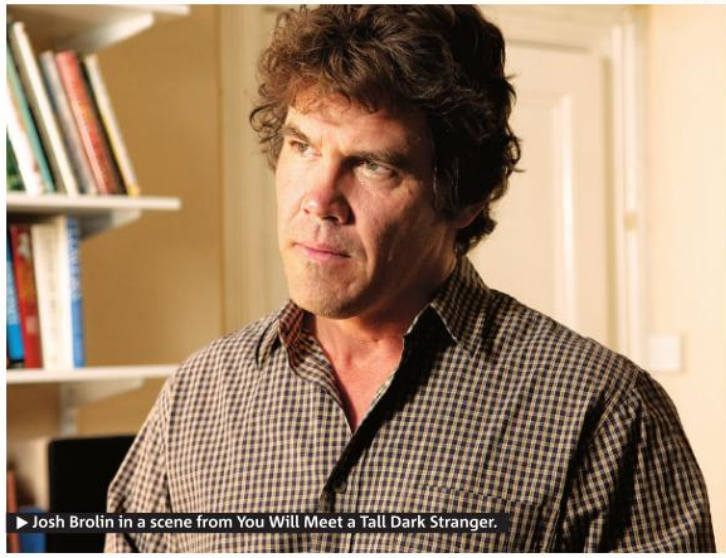
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Josh Brolin makes Dark Stranger role his own

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▶ Josh Brolin in a scene from You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger.

Actor plays a novelist with writer's block and a taste for women ◐ Brolin says couldn't play Woody if tried

RICHARD CROUSE
FOR METRO CANADA

"I know some people have tried to (play the Woody Allen character). I don't understand why. Everybody writes from who they are, but I think because Woody has acted in his films, and is choosing not to act in this film, therefore you are taking his place. I didn't see it that way."
JOSH BROLIN

Early on in the shoot for You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger, Woody Allen's latest exploration of love and neurosis, star Josh Brolin told the director he wouldn't try and play a thinly disguised version of Woody Allen in the movie, like Kenneth Branagh in Celebrity or even Scarlett Johansson in Scoop.

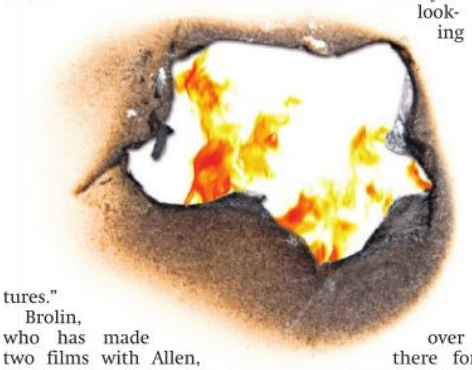
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The director was fine with that, in fact, he told Brolin to make the role his own. "Then I'd do a take," says Brolin, "and he'd say, 'You changed a word. You said cannot. The script says can't.' I'd say, 'You're not serious are you?' and he'd say, 'Yes, you broke the contraction.' I said, 'I thought you just said to make the part my own.' He said, 'I know. But the script says can't.'"

Such is life on set with a genius.

Brolin, however, does have what most people would consider the Woody Allen role in the film; the part Woody might have played if he was 30 years younger. As a novelist with writer's block and a taste for women, the character Roy has the bulk of the film's funny lines and best scenes, but Brolin says he couldn't play Allen if he tried.

"Woody and I both said, 'I could never pretend to be you nor could you possibly pretend to be me.' If there are two more opposite people on this planet it is me and Woody Allen. For various reasons; which is why I think we come together and work together as well as we do, because we have the same sensibilities. We just have different structures."



Brolin, who has made two films with Allen, says when he watched You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger, he wanted to slap Roy. "To me he is pathetic. He's not the most redeeming character out there. The grass is greener on the other side and he is constantly looking over there for notoriety and fame and all that. It's a strange character and when he asked me to play it, I was like, 'Why? Why me?' But I'm very happy I got to do it."

Director spins a new tradition in vampire flick, Let Me In

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▶ Director Matt Reeve on set.

"As a young person horror films terrified me," says Let Me In director Matt Reeve.

"To this day if you were to show me a picture of Linda Blair in her Regan MacNeil getup, and I wasn't prepared the hair would stand up on the back of my neck and my blood would run cold. I would have a visceral reaction, so it's kind of ironic that that's what I do now. I make genre films, and yet there is something about it that is a very exciting thing to do."

Audiences and critics were certainly excited by his first film, Cloverfield, a movie one writer called "the closest a film has ever gotten to a roller-coaster ride." It was a wham-bam-thank-you-ma'am reinvention of the "big monster" movie that mixed Godzilla with the immediacy of reality TV. His new film, a remake of Let the Right One In, the Swedish art house hit about a vampire trapped in a 12-year-old body and her bullied neighbour, is less frenetic, but throws a new spin on the vampire tale.

"It is a vampire film in a different tradition," says Reeves. "That has everything to do with [novelist] John Lindqvist's story. It is an incredible story in that he takes the vampire genre and uses it as a way to describe the pain of adolescence. It is a strange thing to say, but I found in reading it, and in the Swedish version and in what we tried to do, I actually think that it is a very realistic sort of tale even though it is a vampire tale. This film has a bit of naturalism to it."

Let Me In, Cloverfield and the films that frightened him as a child, he says, are effective because they are "about something other than what the surface part is. The metaphor they are using is a way to explore a lot of real and frightening things and to explore our own fears and that's why you can make a movie about a giant monster trashing New York and it's really not about that at all. That is what makes it challenging and interesting as a filmmaker." RICHARD CROUSE

Titanic star dead at 100

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▶ Gloria Stuart

Gloria Stuart, the 1930s Hollywood leading lady who years later became the oldest Academy Award acting nominee for her role as the spunky survivor in Titanic, has died. She was 100.

Stuart died of respiratory failure Sunday night at her Los Angeles home, her daughter, Sylvia Thompson, said Monday. The actress had been diagnosed with lung cancer five years ago and had beaten breast cancer about 20 years ago, Thompson said.

In her youth, Stuart was a blond beauty who starred in B pictures as well as some higher-profile ones such as The Invisible Man, Busby Berkeley's Gold Diggers of 1935 and two Shirley Temple movies, Poor Little Rich Girl and Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm. But by the mid-1940s she had retired.

She resumed acting in the 1970s, doing occasional TV and film work. But Stuart's later career would have remained largely a footnote if James Cameron had not chosen her for his 1997 epic about the doomed luxury liner that struck an iceberg and sank on its maiden voyage in 1912.

Stuart co-starred as Rose Calvert, the 101-year-old survivor played by Kate Winslet as a young woman. Both earned Oscar nominations, Winslet as best actress and Stuart as supporting actress.

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TV

Atlantic City councilman wants to name street after controversial subject of HBO's Boardwalk Empire ◗ Johnson was prohibition-era political boss

Real-life political and rackets boss — and current posthumous TV star — Enoch "Nucky" Johnson may finally get a street named after him.

The subject of the hit HBO series Boardwalk Empire, Johnson ruled Atlantic City during Prohibition, ensuring that vice flourished here, and the cash was spread around freely.

City Councilman Dennis Mason told The Press of Atlantic City he'll introduce a measure to rename a one-block section of Belmont Avenue — near a hotel where Johnson used to live — as "Nucky's Way."

Mason is not put off by Johnson's eventual conviction and imprisonment on tax charges.

"It was just tax evasion," Mason told the newspaper. "He didn't actually murder anyone."



▶ Steve Buscemi, right, plays Enoch "Nucky" Thompson in Boardwalk Empire. The character is based on real-life political boss Enoch "Nucky" Johnson.

Belmont Avenue runs alongside the Ritz, a high-rise condominium building that was once the Ritz-Carlton, a luxury hotel where Johnson lived and rented out the entire ninth floor.

Other high-profile visitors to the hotel included U.S. Presidents Warren G. Harding and Calvin Coolidge, and gangster Al Capone, a close pal of Nucky's.

Mason acknowledged the move is a ploy to generate more interest in Atlantic City among tourists. He said he hopes to organize an event in November in which people will don 1920s clothing and red carnations, a trademark of Johnson and the HBO character based on him, played by Steve Buscemi.

The ethical bar to getting a street named after someone in Atlantic City is not all that high. The city has already named streets for Louis Kuehnle, a city political boss in the early 20th century convicted of accepting kickbacks, and Don King, the boxing promoter who was convicted of second-degree murder before getting it downgraded to manslaughter.

Mason said Nucky held no monopoly on corruption in Atlantic City, noting a slew of recent arrests and prison terms of City Council members.

"I mean, if everybody gets real, I'm sure there are a lot more people that did something (illegal)," he said. "We have bad people in this government now."

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Danza gets an 'A' for effort

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▶ Tony Danza

When former sitcom star Tony Danza began teaching English at a Philadelphia high school, no one really knew what to expect. Not even Tony Danza.

Certainly school officials were holding their breath after the district greenlighted Teach, an A&E reality show premiering Friday that chronicles Danza's year at the head of a class.

Danza, with no teaching experience, was enthusiastic but overwhelmed when filming began last fall at Northeast High School. His students seemed excited but puzzled; some had no idea who he was. ("Wasn't he in, like, Cheers?" one teen asks in the first episode. Um, no.)

While critics contended that education was being sacrificed to benefit the actor best known for Taxi and Who's the Boss?, students and administrators say "Mr. D" ended up making the grade.

"You're hoping that all the new teachers grow the same way he did," Assistant Principal Sharon McCloskey said.

Teach comes at a time when education reform is a huge topic in public policy and popular culture, from President Barack Obama's Race to the Top grant program to major film documentaries like Waiting for "Superman" and Race to Nowhere.

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TV watch list

Gloria cooks up laughs

COMEDY. The hilarious Gloria of Emmy darling Modern Family starts cooking traditional Colombian meals tonight to honour her late grandmother. Meanwhile, Claire finds out her daughter has a crush, and Mitchell and Cameron fight over public displays of affection.

▶ **Modern Family**
Sitcom.
Citytv, ABC

LAWYERS. The Whole Truth might fill the void for fans of the now-defunct Law & Order. Maura Tierney of ER fame stars as a workaholic district attorney, and Rob Morrow of Numb3rs and Northern Exposure plays a rival, laid-back defence attorney.

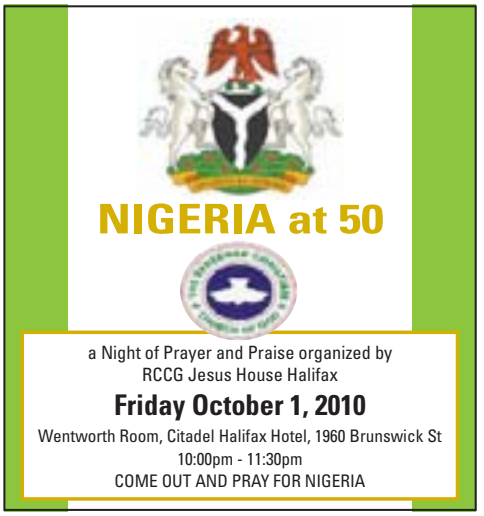
▶ **The Whole Truth**
Courtroom drama.
ABC

SPIES. The new J.J. Abrams (Alias, Lost) series Undercovers also offers a fun male-female dynamic with Boris Kodjoe and Gugu Mbatha-Raw playing married spies.

▶ **Undercovers**
Drama/Action
NBC

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Winslet to wear white?

Oscar-winner head over heels for new beau They've been together since July, after her split with fellow Oscar-winner Sam Mendes

Kate Winslet is reportedly so smitten with new beau Louis Dowler that she's even thinking about talking down the aisle again, according to Grazia magazine.

"As far as Kate is concerned, they could go all the way together — get married, have kids," a source says.

"She's the happiest we've ever seen her. He really brings out a wonderful, carefree side to her that we haven't seen for years." Winslet split with husband Sam Mendes in March before taking up with Dowler in July.

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Lohan's misery Swift's gain?

Lindsay Lohan's troubles may spell opportunity for Taylor Swift, as the country singer is reportedly in negotiations to take over Lohan's role in the upcoming romantic comedy One Night with You, about a starlet who uses a reality dating show to revive her career. "It appears the romantic comedy may finally be off the table for Lindsay Lohan," a source tells WENN. "The producers had actually talked to Taylor Swift's agent a few months back about replacing Lindsay, but Taylor was in the middle of her tour. Now that Lindsay can't conquer her troubles, they're taking the offer back to Taylor." METRO

Celebrity tweets



Jeremy Piven [@jeremypiven] 2 billion degrees here, just taught a Bikram yoga class in my car...



Jessica Simpson [@JessicaSimpson] Did my pic post? Got a new phone and can't figure it out!



Kanye West [@kanyewest] Remember the museum plastic spaceship toys that were molded right in front of you?.... Those use to smell awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

McCarthy says Carrey was no fun

Jenny McCarthy says part of the reason her relationship with Jim Carrey ended was that it wasn't "fun" anymore. "The first thing is, when it's not fun anymore, you need to start investigating and do an inquiry into the relationship," she told Oprah Winfrey.

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Lindsay Lohan's money worries

Money woes are reportedly getting to Lindsay Lohan, as the troubled starlet allegedly tried to sell her first post-jail pictures after her most recent stint behind bars, according to Us Weekly.

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Wyclef Jean hospitalized

Wyclef Jean has been hospitalized for exhaustion, according to Billboard magazine. "He has been following a very heavy schedule that has taken him to Europe twice, Asia and Africa, at the same time he's working to finish his upcoming album and he has been meeting with a few heads of state during the General Assembly Session at the U.N.," a source says. On his official Twitter account, Jean said the hospitalization was due to "stress and fatigue." METRO







Prostitute wants Beckham in court

The Bosnian prostitute who alleges she had sex with David Beckham isn't responding well to his insistence that she's lying. Irma Nici is insisting the soccer star "drop his pants in court," as she has seen "distinguishing characteristics" that prove she is telling the truth, according to the Sun. "This should be seen for what it is: the ravings of a desperate woman," a source close to Beckham says. Beckham is currently suing Nici as well as Us Weekly.

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▶ A surfer ponders whether or not he wants to enter the water in this October 2007 photo near Tofino, B.C.

West Coast beckons winter storm chasers

Tofino storms offer magnificent sensory experience for adventurers and sybarites alike

Charles McDiarmid recalls being awake in his parents' remote West Coast cabin listening to low buzzing sounds reverberating from huge pieces of driftwood being tossed against the shore by the winter waves off Tofino on Vancouver Island.

The low pitch of the vibrating storm-beaten logs was powerful and magnificent, says McDiarmid, and the everlasting drone contributed to a West Coast travel phenomenon: Winter storm watching.

McDiarmid, whose family first built a cabin in the area in 1955, became convinced others would also be fascinated by the cleansing experience of a West Coast winter storm.

Since 1996, his family has operated the Wickaninnish Inn at Chesterman Beach near Tofino, about 400 kilometres northwest of Victoria. The Tofino area is good for more than a dozen major storms over the winter, from mid-November until February.

"It's a good feeling to be snuggled up in a nice, warm, comfortable environment seeing Mother Nature unfold."
CHARLES MCDIARMID

There is no land between the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the east coast of Japan, which allows the swells to build. Many are 10-metres high when they hit shallow water and explode against the rocks.

"We're such an urban society and Mother Nature in the city is generally an inconvenience," says McDiarmid. "Here, there is no such thing as bad weather."

But winter storm watching is not just for outdoorsy types who put on gum boots, rain slickers and head for kilometers of open sandy beach.

Many watch the storms unfold from a safe, warm fireside vantage point wrapped in a warm blanket. "It's a good feeling to be all snuggled up in a nice, warm comfortable environment and seeing Mother Nature unfold for you," says McDiarmid.

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Surf's up



The end of summer has not dampened the enthusiasm of surfers on Haida Gwaii, formerly the Queen Charlotte Islands. In fact, the best surfing there runs from Oct. to May. The second annual Haida Gwaii Surfing Expression Session runs from Nov. 12-14.
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▶ A spectator views an oil on canvas called Marines Call It That 2,000 Yard Stare, by Tom Lea, at the Art of the American Soldier exhibit at Philadelphia's National Constitution Center,

100 years of war art exhibit

For as long as the United States has gone to war, it has sent soldiers marching off to battle armed with paintbrushes, canvas, ink and sketchbooks.

With little public recognition, they have captured the sights and sounds of combat since the American Revolution.

Examples of Army soldiers' efforts over the past century will be on display in a new Philadelphia exhibit entitled Art of the American Soldier being held at the National Constitution Center.

There will be gallery talks, an audio tour with soldiers telling their war stories, and workshops and lesson plans to complement the exhibition.

An online art gallery also encourages veterans from all branches of the military to submit their own art expressing their personal war experiences.

More than 250 paintings and sketches from World War I to the present provide a glimpse of the daily lives of soldiers, from the canteen to the stark, noisy and chaotic battlefield.

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Do comfort food right

Grilled cheese sandwiches are right up there with the best of cool-weather comfort foods and this is the time of year to enjoy them.

During a break from raking leaves or watching a football game on television, grilled cheese on bread or buns is just the solution to satisfy rumbling tummies.

Check this one out:

Panini Toscano

Preparation:

1. Lemon Aioli: In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise, lemon juice and zest and garlic and let flavours mingle for half an hour.
2. Split fresh ciabatta in half and brush both sides liberally with lemon aioli.
3. Layer 1 slice of havarti cheese on the bottom of the bun, then top with sliced figs, prosciutto, a couple of sprigs of arugula and finish with the other slice of cheese.
4. Top with other side of the bun. Lightly brush outside of bun on both sides with extra-virgin olive oil. Place sandwich in a preheated panini press and grill until cheese is melting and bread is lightly marked.
5. If using a grill or barbecue, place a weight on top of sandwich and flip halfway through cooking.
6. Balsamic Vinaigrette: While sandwich is grilling, in a small bowl, combine vinegar, salt, pepper, Dijon, sugar and lemon juice. Slowly whisk in oil until incorporated.



▶ A Panini Toscano grilled cheese.

Ingredients :

- 1 fresh ciabatta bun
- 15 ml lemon aioli
- 1 ripe fig, 4 to 5 slices
- 2 slices prosciutto,
- 2 slices harvarti cheese, 3 mm thick
- 30 g baby arugula
- 1/2 roasted red pepper, peeled and cut into 2-cm slices
- 15 ml balsamic vinaigrette
- **Lemon Aioli:**
- 50 ml prepared olive oil mayonnaise
- Juice and zest from 1/2 lemon
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- **Balsamic Vinaigrette:**
- 5 ml balsamic vinegar
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 2 ml Dijon mustard
- Pinch sugar
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 50 ml extra-virgin olive oil

7. In another small bowl, dress arugula with 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the vinaigrette and place on a plate. Toss two slices of red pepper in same bowl to dress lightly and place on top of salad.
8. When sandwich is ready, remove from press or grill and split in half diagonally.
9. Place around salad and serve immediately.

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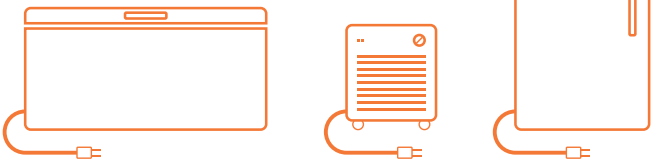
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It may be the most dull and demeaning chapter in your college or university experience: The grind of interning, showing up as free labour, relearning how to operate a copier or order doughnuts for a meeting.

Neglected interns should be forgiven for wondering if internships are just meaningless hype to splay across a still-sparse résumé. Yet the practice persists.

In fact, they're very necessary. "When you graduate ... now, if you don't have at least two internships on your résumé, you're not hirable," warns The Internship Bible author Samer Hamadeh.

The challenge, he offers, is to glean more from your time than a sentence to paste into your cover letter.

"Your internship is what you make it," agrees CareerBuilder.com coach Allison Nawoj.

Her latest study shows that America's jobless elders may have reached the same conclusion. This fall, she says, undergraduates will compete with the underemployed for nearly a quarter of all open internships.

"Not only has the recession reshaped internships so that they're more applicable to people later in their careers, but for younger workers, internships can mean more than filing papers," she notes. "Companies have scaled back and are relying on interns to fill the gaps."

Consider shadowing the person whose job you'd aim to have.

"See what their jobs entail," Nawoj suggests. "Say, 'Hey, I see you do X, Y, Z. Can I help out with that.'

Don't leave the building without conducting a few tete-a-tetes with potential mentors.

"Pinpoint a few people in the organization whose jobs interest you, and ask them to meet with you," Generation Y career blogger Lindsey Pollak advises.

"Don't miss this opportunity to shoot fish in a barrel. During an internship, you are literally surrounded by informational interview prospects." METRO

Make Friends

Remember what counts

The best gift with which you can strut out of an internship isn't the résumé padding or connections — it's the friendships with your fellow interns. "These people are great contacts," Pollak says. "You never know where your fellow interns are going to end up someday — or who else they know right now." METRO



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Failing grade for student lunches

Lunch box study reveals poor food and drink choices Nearly every lunch contained sugary treats



▶ Home economist Shannon Crocker prepares school lunches with her boys Riley, right, 8, and Mason, left, 6, in the kitchen of her Ancaster, Ont., home. Crocker has recently completed a survey of school lunch boxes and came away with some alarming findings.

When dietitian Shannon Crocker agreed to go into four kindergarten classrooms in two Ontario elementary schools and check the contents of the children's lunch boxes, she was dismayed by what she found.

"Many were packed with poor food and drink choices such as cold hot dogs, gummy treats, sugary fruit beverages and packaged cookies," says the Ancaster, Ont., mother of two.

Kindergarten classes were chosen because Ontario began introducing its new Early Learning Program in September, which means thousands of four- and five-year-olds now attend school for a full day.

Crocker adds that many lunches did not provide enough food for the long day the children were at school.

Her project coincides with the marking of World School Milk Day today. This annual international event celebrates the importance of milk in children's diets. It is actively supported and promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The schools chose to participate in the survey of lunches because Crocker says they want to raise public awareness about the issue.

"Two schools, one in Toronto and the other in Hamilton, were chosen for the project," she says. "The schools are not identified out of respect for the families and the fact that nutritionally poor school lunches is a problem all across Canada."

Crocker and an assistant checked 82 lunches during the survey and found that 85 per cent had no vegetables and almost every container had one sugary treat and some up to five.

"Only five lunches included milk, but most of them had at least one sugary fruit-flavoured drink of little or zero nutritional value," she says.

However, both schools were about to sign on to milk programs for their students in which a dairy delivers cartons to the schools daily, she says.

But Crocker found that most children had only one drink to get them through the day, while "some had nothing to drink at all."

However, she understands there are several reasons lunches may not make the grade.

"If a child doesn't eat much, parents might pack small amounts of food or busy mornings allow little time to assemble lunches," she suggests. "Money may be a factor or there may not have been much food in the fridge that day."

But her major concern is that parents may not understand the direct link between good nutrition and learning.

"As a dietitian what I want to see are the four food groups represented," Crocker say. "That would be a couple of servings of grain products such as whole grains rather than white bread.

"There should also be at least two servings of fruits and vegetables as well as milk or milk alternative such as yogurt or hard cheese."

In her survey, Crocker found processed cheese or yogurt strings, "which are not the most nutritious choices in that food group."

Her final concern is about food safety.

"The majority of lunches were missing cooler packs with 92 per cent without," she says. "And several included spaghetti and meat sauce in plastic containers without a cooler pack to keep the food safe." THE CANADIAN PRESS

LUNCH BREAKS

Helping kids get healthy

Jess Haines, assistant professor of Applied Nutrition at the University of Guelph, says it is important to ask what is the role of the provincial government and the schools in making sure that children have healthful foods.

"And can we use these findings to play up the very important role parents have and then to think how best to support families through nutritional education?" Haines asks.

"We must also recognize that kids need to eat more often, so schools should have two nutritional breaks each day.

"Those could be used to create a nutritious environment that allows the children to eat well." THE CANADIAN PRESS



4 sports

Toughest team in the league?

As fighting declines in the Q, Moose are headed in the opposite direction



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If you can't beat 'em, brawl 'em?

A year after leading the QMJHL in penalty minutes and fighting majors, the Halifax Mooseheads have stormed out of the gate in a new season and have already distanced themselves from the pack in both departments.

The Mooseheads, who are near the bottom of the standings yet again with a 2-6 record, already have piled up almost double the fighting majors of any other team with 19, while their 204 penalty minutes are 53 more than their closest challenger.

"I definitely think we're the toughest team in the league," said Mooseheads defenceman Sawyer Hannay. "That's what we want. We want teams to fear coming in and fear playing against us every night."

With fighting experiencing a rapid decline in the Q in part because of strict new rules, the Mooseheads are going in the opposite direction: Their 67 fighting majors last season were their highest single-season total since 2004-05.

Hannay, an 18-year-old Vancouver Canucks draft choice, is actually sitting out a four-game suspension for being over-aggressive in a game last Saturday, jumping a player for an open-ice hit on rookie Martin Frk. He concedes he went too far.

"I definitely crossed the line," Hannay said. "It was just my reaction, but it probably wasn't the best thing I could have done."

But even if he went too far, Hannay doesn't regret standing up for a fallen teammate. That's something the Mooseheads say they pride themselves on.

"I hope that my peers would do the same for me," Hannay said.

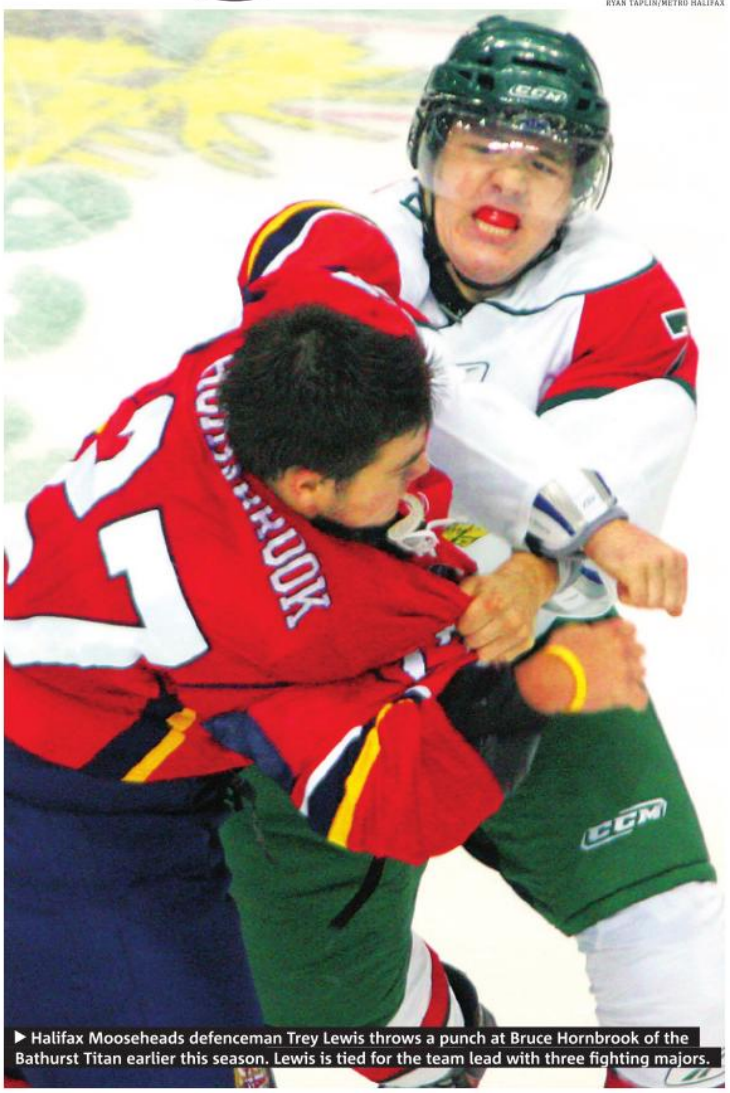
"We want teams to know we're going to stick up for each other no matter what," he added. "We want them to know, anyone wearing the Mooseheads sweater will drop the gloves if necessary."

Fighting facts

According to HockeyFights.com:

- QMJHL teams fought on average 121 times in 1997-98. That number dropped to 86 in 2004-05 and 44 in 2009-10.
- Hugo Lehoux holds the Mooseheads' single-season fighting major record with 38 in 2000-01. Seven teams did not eclipse that mark in 2009-10.
- The Mooseheads have led the league in fighting majors twice (1994-95 and 2009-10).

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▶ Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis throws a punch at Bruce Hornbrook of the Bathurst Titan earlier this season. Lewis is tied for the team lead with three fighting majors.

Quoted



"Nothing. Everybody's afraid of me right now."

FORMER HALIFAX MOOSEHEADS STAR JAKUB VORACEK, ON WHAT HIS COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS TEAMMATES SAID TO HIM AFTER HIS FIRST CAREER NHL FIGHT VERSUS KRISTOPHER LETANG OF THE PITTSBURGH PENGUINS ON THE WEEKEND.

Moose news

Peter Delmas

The Montreal Canadiens reassigned Peter Delmas to training camp with the American Hockey League's Hamilton Bulldogs. The Halifax Mooseheads goaltender will continue to try out for an NHL contract as a free agent.



Abeltshauser could miss weekend games

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser wasn't on the ice at practice yesterday with a lower-body injury that could keep him out of the lineup on the weekend.

The 18-year-old German blue-liner suffered the injury in Sunday's 9-2 road loss to the Rimouski Oceanic. The team is describing his status as day-to-day.

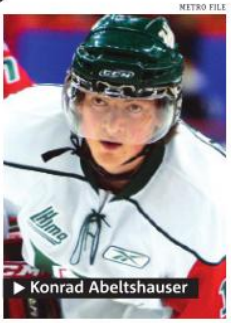
Abeltshauser has struggled with injuries since coming to North America. He missed 20 games last season with a variety of ailments, including a concussion, broken wrist and a twisted knee.

The Mooseheads host the Saint John Sea Dogs Friday at 7 p.m.

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For the latest on the Mooseheads, visit www.metronews.ca/qfiles

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▶ Konrad Abeltshauser

Sports in brief

NSSBL final postponed

BASEBALL. The Halifax Pelham Molson Canadians will host Game 4 of the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League final tonight at 7:30 at Mainland Common after last night's game was postponed due to fog.

The Canadians trail Dartmouth Moosehead Dry 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

With a win tonight, the Dry can wrap up the series at home with Game 5 set for tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Beazley Field.

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Laval atop CIS rankings again

FOOTBALL. The Laval Rouge et Or, 4-0, are again No. 1 in Canadian Interuniversity Sport's latest football ranking, released yesterday.

Atlantic University Sports teams were shut out from the ranking for a second straight week.

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Golf. Tiger watch



▶ Tiger Woods crosses a bridge yesterday on his way to a photocall before the 2010 Ryder Cup tournament in Wales. The tournament starts Friday.

REUTERS

Tiger gets feisty

Tiger Woods is starting to take this Ryder Cup personally. Woods fired back yesterday at a comment by Rory McIlroy last month that the 21-year-old would "love to face him" in the Ryder Cup if the game of the world's No. 1 player did not rapidly improve. Asked for a reaction, Woods leaned into the microphone and said only, "Me, too."

Pens beat Stanley Cup champs to stay perfect

Crosby among the number of stars who didn't play last night

PENGUINS	BLACKHAWKS
4	1

Evgeni Malkin scored for Pittsburgh and the Penguins beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-1 last night.

Dustin Jeffrey, Nick Johnson and Mark Letestu also had goals for Pittsburgh, and Paul Martin had two assists. Kyle Beach scored for Chicago, which fell to 1-3 in the pre-season. The Penguins are 4-0.

The game matched the past two Stanley Cup champions — but the lineups did not. Malkin played, but fellow Penguins Sidney Crosby, Marc-Andre Fleury and Brooks Orpik were among the scratches.

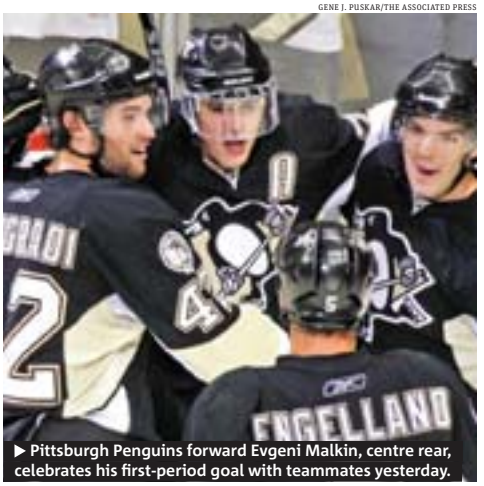
Chicago chose not to dress, among others, Jonathan Toews, Duncan Keith, Marian Hossa and Marty Turco.

Both of the Penguins' third-period goals went in off of Blackhawks defenceman Brent Seabrook.

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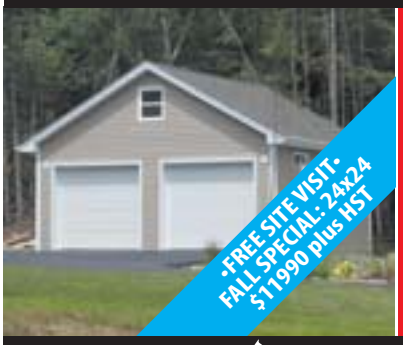
Jason Pominville scored the deciding goal midway through the third period as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Ottawa Senators 2-1 in front of a sold-out pre-season crowd of 980 at the undersized J.L. Grightmire Arena. The game was held in Dundas, Ont., which has a population 24,700, as part of the city's grand prize in this year's Kraft Hockeyville contest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Pittsburgh Penguins forward Evgeni Malkin, centre rear, celebrates his first-period goal with teammates yesterday.

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In brief



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▶ The Si version of the 2010 Honda Civic Coupe looks fast even when it's standing still.

Who says you can't have fun for $26K?

- 2010 Honda Civic Si adds new meaning to the term 'bang for your buck'
- Performance coupe gets you on the fast lane without the gas pump shock

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Having monster engines with 400 and 500 hp is all well and good, but when it takes the high side of $100 to fill the tank, well, there has to be an alternative.

Honda believes it has an answer to providing performance while staving off gas pump shock with the 2010 Civic Coupe Si.

The Coupe Si shares the same "one-motion" profile concept of the current Civic line with a steep windshield rake, negligible front and rear overhangs, and a reduced gap between the wheel wells and the tires for a sweeping, cohesive appearance.

While the standard Civic Sedan/Coupe has a 1.8-litre engine with 140 hp and 128 lb/ft of torque, the Coupe Si has a model-specific 2.0-litre, DOHC four-cylinder with 197 hp and 139 lb/ft of torque.

In fact, this car can hit the 7,800 rpm redline so fast, there is a red warning light set high on the dash that starts flashing at 7,400 rpm as you approach top end.

The Si shows that motoring in a quick and tidy manner does not have to cost the better part of fifty grand.

What the Civic Si does is prove that you can have fun and be practical at the same time.

The specs

2010 HONDA CIVIC SI

- **VEHICLE TYPE** Compact performance coupe
- **PRICE** $25,880
- **ENGINE** 2.0-litre, DOHC in-line four-cylinder engine (197 hp, 139 lb/ft)
- **FUEL ECONOMY** (Premium) 10.2L/100 km city, 6.8L/100 km highway

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Impreza fans loyal

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The Subaru Impreza has always been an enthusiast's car that packed quirky styling, unique powertrains and earned a loyal following of fans after year-round sporty performance.

All models, including the last-generation (2002 to 2007 model years inclusive), got a decision-free All Wheel Drive (AWD) system and horizontally-opposed four-cylinder boxer engine. The boxer engine sets the pistons against one another in a flat, wide configuration which lowers the car's centre of gravity for more nimble handling.

It sits closer to the road than a traditional in-line engine, and is easily dislodged in the case of an accident- making it a safety feature as well.

2006 saw the engine updated, upping power output slightly to 173 ponies. Automatic or manual transmissions are both available.

Models from 2004 and onwards were fitted with upgraded suspension components for a better ride, as well as added convenience features. Depending on the model and year, look for features like power windows, mirrors, locks, air conditioning, cruise control and tilt steering.

What Owners Like

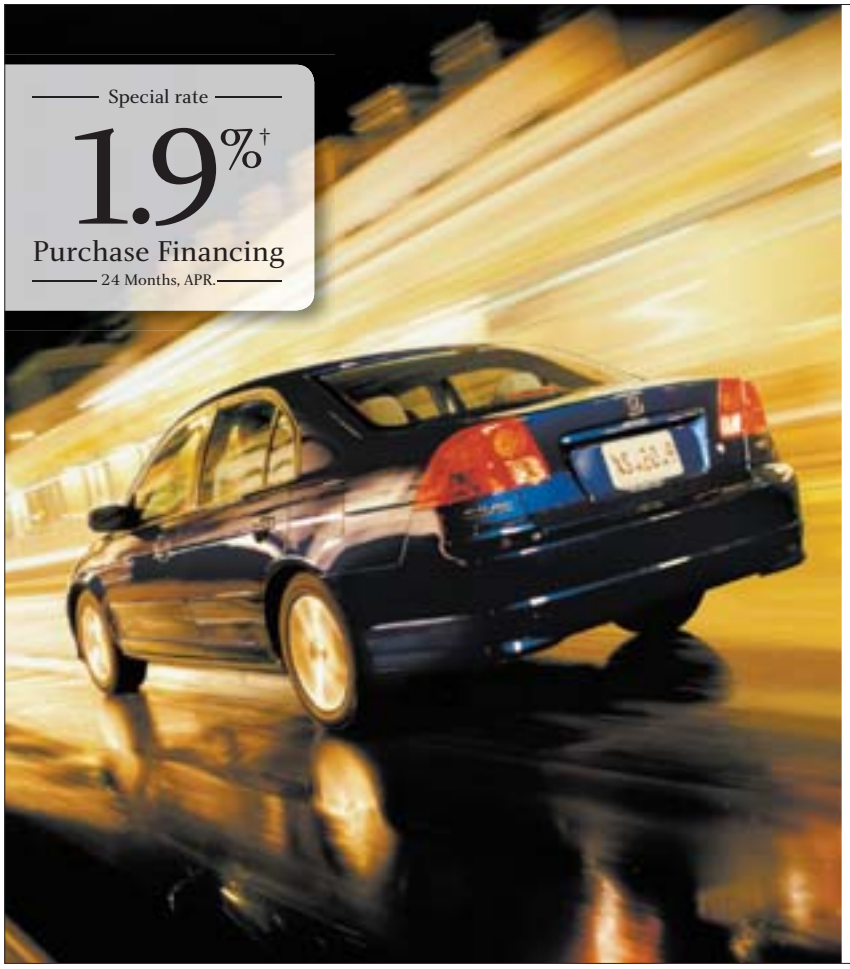
Not surprisingly, last-generation Impreza owners mostly enjoy the vehicle's driving experience, wintertime traction, performance and the added utility of the five-door model.

What Owners Hate

Complaints include a rough ride on some models, as well as limited rear-seat space, controversial styling on certain models, and a plain, low-key appearance.

Common issues

On earlier models, a possibly faulty clutch line and slave cylinder may result in a limp clutch pedal. Squeaks and rattles are the next most commonly re. T he Impreza did suffer from what appears to be a fairly common head-gasket related problem.



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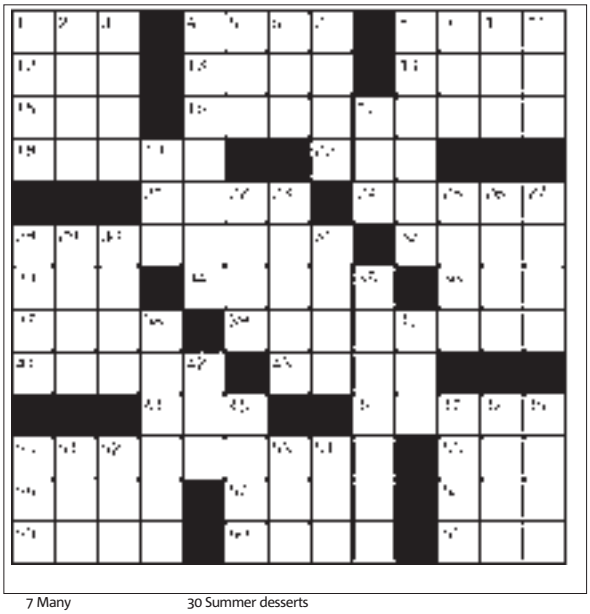
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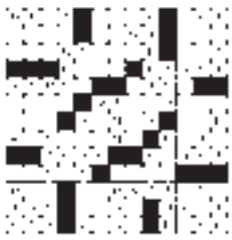
Across

1 Honest politician
4 Spring
8 Unrivaled
12 Water barrier
13 Frizzy coiffure
14 State with certainty
15 Sapporo sash
16 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical
18 John's 2008 running mate
20 Vast expanse
21 Salon request
24 Wept
28 Accesses to greens
32 Busy with
33 Curved path
34 Struck, old-style
36 Pool stick
37 Maintain
39 Don't cheat
41 Simplifies
43 "Sopranos" actress de Matteo
44 As well
46 Perjury
50 "Cinderella", e.g.
55 — de Oro
56 Hodgepodge
57 Foolish sort
58 Lennon's lady
59 $50 "Monopoly" payment
60 Automaker Ransom Eli —
61 Homer's neighbor

Down

1 Commotions
2 Rum cake
3 Eastern potentate
4 Kidney-shaped nuts
5 Frequently
6 Playwright Levin
7 Many
8 Jungle trek
9 Eggs
10 Mainlander's memento
11 Mess up
17 Common Mkt.
19 Taxpayer's mo.
22 Freeway access
23 "— Kentucky Home"
25 Erstwhile Peruvian
26 Needle case
27 Active one
28 Counterfeit
29 Vicinity
30 Summer desserts
31 Celeb
35 Holes for shoelaces
38 Fuel for a Bentley
40 Actress Wray
42 Sauce source
45 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
47 Press
48 Baseball team
49 Suitable
50 Watch chain
51 Carte lead-in
52 Midafternoon, on a sundial
53 Piercing tool
54 Cover

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

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	4				8		2	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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9	3	1	6	2	8	4	5	7
7	2	4	3	5	1	8	9	6
1	5	2	7	8	4	9	6	3
8	9	6	2	3	5	1	7	4
4	7	3	1	9	6	5	8	2
6	8	7	9	1	3	2	4	5
2	1	9	5	4	7	6	3	8
3	4	5	8	6	2	7	1	9

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To my Sweet Pea, just to let you know how much you mean to me, you're my sunshine, I light up when I'm with you, my soulmate, you're caring, and you're an incredible friend & more, love you lots – **AMORE XOXO**

Jenny Pooh, You are an Amazing Lady and I Love You so much. Let's make US a Life together and be Happy, Fulfilled and full of Love! Forever Yours. **POOH BEAR**



Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you see something you desire today just reach out and take it. Cosmic activity guarantees that someone will try to stop you but you're an Aries, you always win. Be fast and be first.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 New methods and new routines are not an option, they are a must. If you don't keep up with the latest developments in your work and creative activities you will get left behind.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Everything seems to be going right for you now without much of an effort on your part. But don't take too much for granted. Challenges and setbacks are a fact of life, so be ready for them every day.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Upheavals in the domestic sphere are likely now but if you take them in your stride and refuse to get angry you will come through unscathed. Don't try so hard to please other people.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If you need to go back on a promise or in some other way let a friend down today then do it quickly and get it over with. They won't be happy but you can make it up to them later.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Ignore what everyone else says you should be doing and do what feels right to you. While Mercury remains in your sign you are more likely than they are to see your situation clearly.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Play to your strengths today and let other people conform to what you want to do. This is your time of the year and you really don't have to change your outlook in any way at all.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Is your mind clear? Do you know what needs to be done? These are important questions and until you have answered them fully you would be wise to hold back from initiative.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may be tempted to get involved in a friend's private affairs but before you go sticking your nose in, you might like to consider what their reaction is likely to be.

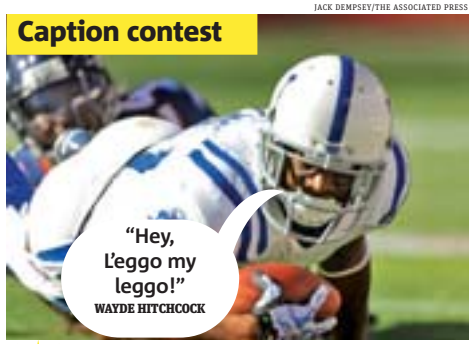
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You are determined to prove you have what it takes — yes, even more so than normal. You are so fired up with ambition that you won't let anything stand in your way.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A touch of ruthlessness, both with yourself and with other people, may be needed today, especially if you find yourself in a situation where conditions make it difficult to get moving.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You don't have to do things the way they have always been done. You don't have to tread the same path as everyone else. Life is yours to do with as you wish, so follow your dream. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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